

KENTUCKY STATE CONVENTION.

OFFICIAL REPORTS.

MR. R. SUTTON, CHIEF REPORTER.

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 1849.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the motion of Mr. MERIWETHER it was Resolved, That in all future elections of officers for this Convention, after the first ballot, and on each succeeding ballot, the candidate having the lowest number of votes shall be dropped, and a majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary to make an election.

ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations for the Office of Assistant Secretary were now in order.

Mr. FORREST nominated Mr. W. S. KNOTT.

Mr. W. S. MARSHALL nominated Mr. T. D. TILFORD.

Mr. STEVENSON nominated Mr. V. MOSKOW.

Mr. SPALDING nominated Mr. B. C. ALLEN.

Mr. WHITE nominated Mr. T. W. BROWN.

Mr. STONE nominated Mr. SAMUELS.

Mr. HARDIN nominated Mr. SLAUGHTER.

Mr. REDD nominated Mr. POLK.

The vote having been taken, the PRESIDENT announced the result as follows:

Mr. Telford received	30 votes.
Mr. Moskow received	19 votes.
Mr. Allen received	17 votes.
Mr. Samuels received	9 votes.
Mr. Polk received	8 votes.
Mr. Knott received	5 votes.
Mr. Slaughter received	3 votes.

There being no choice, the Convention proceeded to a second vote. (Mr. Slaughter's name having been first withdrawn by Mr. Hardin, with the following result:

Mr. Telford received	32 votes.
Mr. Moskow received	21 votes.
Mr. Allen received	18 votes.
Mr. Samuels received	8 votes.
Mr. Polk received	8 votes.
Mr. Knott received	7 votes.
Mr. Brown received	4 votes.

No one having a majority of votes, the Convention proceeded to a third vote, with the following result:

Mr. Telford received	33 votes.
Mr. Moskow received	22 votes.
Mr. Allen received	18 votes.
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Mr. Knott received	8 votes.
Mr. Samuels received	4 votes.

There being still no election, the Convention proceeded to a fourth vote, with the following result, Mr. Polk's name having been withdrawn by Mr. Knott:

Mr. Telford received	34 votes.
Mr. Moskow received	25 votes.
Mr. Allen received	20 votes.
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There being still no election, the Convention proceeded to a fifth vote, the list of candidates under Mr. Meriwether's resolution being reduced to those, with the following result:

Mr. Telford received	49 votes.
Mr. Moskow received	31 votes.
Mr. Allen received	24 votes.

There was still no choice, and the Convention proceeded to a sixth vote, the two remaining candidates, with the following result:

For Mr. Telford.	52 votes.
For Mr. Moskow.	45 votes.

The PRESIDENT announced that Mr. Telford had received a majority of all the votes given and that he was duly elected the Assistant Secretary of the Convention.

Mr. Telford accordingly entered upon the discharge of his duties.

SERGEANT-AT-ARMS.

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were now in order for the office of Sergeant-at-Arms.

Mr. PROCTOR nominated Mr. J. D. McCLURE.

Mr. BARLOW nominated Mr. JOSEPH GRAY.

Mr. CLARK nominated Mr. HUMPHREYS.

Mr. JAMES nominated Mr. JOSEPH W. ALLEN.

Mr. G. W. JOHNSON nominated Mr. SAMUELS.

Mr. KELLY nominated Mr. BOOKER.

The vote was taken with the following result:

Mr. Gray received	26 votes.
Mr. Saunders received	20 votes.
Mr. McClure received	19 votes.
Mr. Booker received	15 votes.
Mr. Humphreys received	13 votes.
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Mr. Gray received 27 votes.

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Mr. Saunders received	43 votes.
Mr. Gray received	50 votes.
Mr. McClure received	23 votes.

On a fifth vote between the two remaining candidates,

Mr. Saunders received	57 votes.
Mr. Gray received	49 votes.

Mr. Saunders having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected, and he entered upon the discharge of his duties.

DOOR KEEPER.

The PRESIDENT announced that nominations were now in order for the office of Door Keeper.

Mr. JAMES nominated Mr. JOHN M. HELMS.

Mr. BYRD nominated Mr. C. C. GALEN.

Mr. PRITCHARD nominated Mr. THOMAS SMITH.

Mr. McCLURE nominated Mr. ELISHA BROWN.

Mr. STEVENSON nominated Mr. WILL R. CAMPBELL.

Mr. DESHA nominated Mr. JOHN G. LEACH.

Mr. HIRSH nominated Mr. GEORGE KELNE.

Mr. HIRSH said: While I am up, I desire to say a few words in explanation of the circumstances surrounding the gentleman whom I have put in nomination for Door Keeper. Mr. Keene is a gentleman of intelligence, of very agreeable manners, and I sincerely believe would make an most excellent officer; but the chief merit of his case, Sir, consists in the object he has in view with the means to be raised by the salary attached to the office. He is the father of Mrs. James W. Davidson, of the county of Logan, whose husband, some time since, while at the Muhlenberg Court, was stricken down with disease, and died in a few hours. She is an elegant and amiable lady, with several children, in very embarrassed circumstances; and the object of Mr. Keene, the father, is to secure a little home and a few acres of land for his widowed daughter and grand children. Mr. Keene has some claims upon his country. In the war of 1812, he became a soldier, and I understand that a distinguished gentleman upon this floor can bear testimony to his manly bearing. I believe, Sir, that in voting for Mr. Keene, we shall not only secure a good officer, but shall have the additional consolation of knowing that we have wiped away the widow's tears and secured a home to the fatherless.

Mr. ROOT nominated Mr. SAMUEL C. BRISTOW.

The vote was taken, with the following result:

Mr. Keene received	19 votes.
Mr. Helms received	17 votes.
Mr. Galeen received	14 votes.
Mr. Brown received	14 votes.
Mr. Campbell received	14 votes.
Mr. Leach received	10 votes.

Mr. Smith received 6 votes.

Mr. Bristow received 3 votes.

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Mr. Keene received 19 votes.

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Mr. Brown received 26 votes.

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On a fifth vote,

Mr. Helms received 36 votes.

Mr. Brown received 31 votes.

Mr. Keene received 29 votes.

On a sixth vote,

Mr. Helms received 49 votes.

Mr. Brown received 48 votes.

Mr. Helms having received a majority of all the votes given, was declared duly elected, and he entered upon the discharge of his duties.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. MERIWETHER submitted the following resolution:

Resolved, That a committee, consisting of seven members, be appointed by the President, whose duty it shall be to prepare and report a set of rules for the government of the Convention.

Mr. MITCHELL moved to substitute, in lieu thereof, the following:

Resolved, That the rules of order which govern the House of Representatives of the United States in its late session, be adapted for the government of this Convention so far as they are applicable, and that said rules be referred to a committee, consisting of five members, with directions to report such alterations or amendments as in their judgment may be deemed necessary.

Pending these resolutions, on motion, the Convention adjourned.

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